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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021

**TIME:** 3:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

### **SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [5418](#)**

**BY Amore, Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICERS {LC211/1} (Requires that all persons serving on boards and commissions appointed by the governor have a connection to the state through residence or licensure.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/05/2021 Scheduled for consideration

### **SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [5496](#)**

**BY Roberts, Chippendale**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS {LC922/1} (Requires notification of the name and address of the deceased on a death certificate with the office of secretary of state and the chairperson of the board of canvassers for the purpose of removal from the rolls of registered voters.)

02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5562](#)**

**BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo, Shanley, Corvese**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC OFFENSES {LC1118/1} (Prohibits the department of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5565](#)**

**BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Azzinaro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES {LC805/1} (Authorizes nonprofit organizations to conduct gambling event fundraisers approved by the city or town in which the event is to be conducted and as authorized by the state police.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5578](#)**

**BY Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRONIC VEHICLE RECOVERY SERVICES {LC1249/1} (Requires vehicle owners with electronic vehicle recovery systems to submit affidavit attesting to theft prior to law enforcement contact with provider for aid in locating vehicle.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5602](#)**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING {LC1804/1} (Established player self-exclusion program with winnings collected from self-excluded players going to RICPG for research/education/prevention of teenage gambling addiction.)

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5608](#)**

**BY Cardillo, Craven, Fellela, Costantino, Corvese, Kazarian, Batista, Caldwell, Hull, Williams**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC1472/1} (Allows Rhode Island titled vehicles to be allowed to be registered online by the division of motor vehicles. Further, this allows all vehicles purchased from a Rhode Island car dealer to be registered online.)

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5622](#)**

**BY Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS ACT {LC1357/1} (Permits medical/vets services by health care volunteers during emergency.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5623](#)**

**BY Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Corvese, Solomon, Craven, Amore, Casey, Lima**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

{LC738/1} (Allows occupancy of an accessory dwelling unit of a single-family dwelling by a family member generally, and allows municipalities to establish standards for the construction of accessory dwelling units.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5624](#)**

**BY McGaw, Henries, Cassar**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARIES {LC1598/1}** (Requires that

on all primaries, the candidate's names would be listed in an order chosen by lot under the direction of the secretary of state.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5740](#)**

**BY Diaz, Slater, Kazarian, Ackerman, Potter, Tobon, Alzate, Giraldo, Cassar, Barros**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --**

RESTRICTIVE HOUSING AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT {LC1435/1} (Establishes conditions, policies and procedures for the restrictive housing of inmates at correctional facilities in Rhode Island with the least restrictive conditions possible.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5746](#)**

**BY Giraldo**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE**

PURCHASES {LC2069/1} (Provides an exception to the requirements of competitive sealed bidding for local, minority and woman-owned business enterprises.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5747](#)**

**BY Giraldo**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY**

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE {LC2068/1} (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5752](#)**

**BY Giraldo, Shanley, Alzate, Williams**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION {LC1912/1} (Requires the office of diversity, equity and opportunity (ODEO) to create and for all state and municipal employees to receive annual training in cultural competency.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5753](#)**

**BY Tobon, Barros, Edwards, Diaz, Fellela, Casey**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC1777/1} (Increases the role of the division of motor vehicles in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5887](#)**

(University of Rhode Island)

**BY Fogarty, McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima, Kennedy, Ackerman**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC1889/1} (Permits URI Board of Trustees to attend open public board meetings remotely.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5888](#)**

(University of Rhode Island)

**BY Fogarty, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima, Kennedy**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1887/1} (Allows URI board of trustees to make small procurements up to \$50,000 for construction/\$10,000 for all other purchases with annual increases in the federal CPI.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5889](#)**

(University of Rhode Island)

**BY Fogarty, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima, Kennedy**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1890/1} (University of Rhode Island board of trustees to be composed of seventeen (17) members appointment by the governor.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5891](#)**

(Dept. of Business and Regulation)

**BY Marszalkowski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC2033/1} (Amends the "open meetings act" to allow virtual meetings and participation by electronic communication until July 1, 2023.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5892](#)**

**BY Baginski, Edwards**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT {LC893/1} (Eliminates provisions establishing a legislative regulation committee and also repeals the requirement that codes and standards adopted by the state building code standards committee is subject to approval by the legislative regulation committee)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5893](#)**

**BY Shanley, Craven, Amore**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- PAYMENT OF STATUTORY FEES {LC1821/1} (Allows state departments and agencies to implement electronic filing of applications for licenses, permits, registrations, certificates and functions by allowing a vendor to withhold a commission for implementing the system for electronic filing.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

**HouseStateGovernmentandElections@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.**

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**This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,**

**<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HSGE.aspx> .**

**VERBAL TESTIMONY**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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